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ACTION: Amembassy, STOCKHOLM

INFO: USUR 1139

Lmbtel 236 info USUR 19, USUR 1499, info Stockholm 6.

Dept desires you make following US views known personally to Folkin Nilsson at earliest opportunity. Manner of approach to Nilsson left your discretion but should be made clear these US views are strongly held.

While we do not yet have full text of note handed you by BELFRAGE, on basis conversation reported Lmbtel 236 and press communique which we have received from Swedish Embassy our ~~reaction~~ reaction is that in this period of deep world crisis it was decidedly unhelpful to publicize the Swedish note to us. (Washington Post of Oct 27 reported Swedish action under headline QEE Quarantine is Protested by Sweden UNIL.) It is one thing to give us confidential note reserving Swedish rights but quite another to issue statement which could only give aid and comfort to Soviet Union, and which addressed itself only to certain aspects of Cuban problem while remaining silent on basic reasons for its position quarantine. To extent GOS felt it had to go on public record, it had already done so in its statement of Oct 11 that

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GOS had expressed concern for actions which could limit freedom of shipping on high seas (Embtel/<sup>215</sup>~~222~~ Oct 12). Furthermore, in view of Belfrage's admission (Embtel 236) that Swedish experts evidently unaware of specifics of US legal rationale it would have been reasonable to expect that GOS would have withheld public comment until further study of US position. Belfrage's assertion that there were no political implications in Sweden's reservations of rights apparently based on belief that Swedish action would be placed only in legal setting and would have no political significance. Thus we were surprised at publicity. It should be made clear, however, that we do appreciate actual Swedish cooperation with us in giving ship info, in instructing ship masters to submit to quarantine, etc.

FYI We believe we should not let this opportunity pass to make our views known to Nilsson and to express our displeasure that GOS saw fit to publicize such divergence of US and Swedish views despite evident Swedish decision to acquiesce fully in ~~xxx~~ quarantine. We had hoped that with departure of Unden GOS would be less inclined to base its positions on narrow legalistic approach and would recognize broader political implications of its actions when they have bearing on US-Soviet relations. END FYI

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